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3414 Bureau St.
Charlottesville, Va. D.C.
Nov. 21st 1926

My dear Ben:-

I have intended
writing you each day for
the past two months
but the time has never
come for a long letter & I did
not want to send just a
note. I'll be going back
to September. We had three
shenanigans, interesting, pleasant
& amusing weeks & enjoyed
it all very much but the
long strain & responsibility
piled a letter too much for

Charlie & he "broke out" with - chagles
on his neck one morning the latter part
of the month & has not - felt quite like
himself since although he was not -
very much only uncomfortable for awhile.
The constant smothering out of all the
wounds for the representations of eleven
countries was quite a nervous strain.
I got - Banquettes & lost my figure. We
came back here to a dusty - empty -
house with no servant & did not try
to get one for I thought I would wait - for Mary
October spent getting the house cleaned
- in order for her to bottom & it was
quite a job for I could not rely on the
word of any one who promised to do the
work. Charlie & I took our dinners out -
& our breakfasts - in the kitchen. This
month started in with the beginning of
weird - club life & I had to have some
clothes & I later learned two brides that
have come into the Wild. Parsons family
this fall. Both are charming, worth while
girls, well brought up & I judge from their
talk with the right ideals. Lactrops
engagement - is broken by mutual
consent - I believe they call it - I am sorry
for I liked her very much & she is a better

to find out - they are not
sailed before than after the
wedding.

Lemna sold their house -
Cleveland - she & the two dear
children came to us a
week ago & will stay until
their furniture reaches New
York. They have taken an
apartment on Eighth Street
N. York - 77 1/2 Fifth Ave. It is
the best they could do this fall.
Brooklyn will come to us Wednesday
night - to spend Thursday as
will also Lathrop & Anne
him, & their two boys arrive
Wednesday morning & will surprise
all the family but me at home.

to have us all ²¹ ~~X~~ ¹ ¹⁹²⁶ together
for Thanksgiving day. Eight
of us counting little Pauline
Mumma & Emma my coth.
Mary did not come. I wish.
She wanted to go to Pettaburg
this winter. Emma was
with me for nearly two years
before Mary came as she knows
how to coth as we like things
Agnes called me my poor
Cambridge this morning. She had
just returned after her wonderful
days visiting friends in New York
& New Jersey. Now she will get
ready to have Thanksgiving for
Church & his friends. Douglas
has al-~~most~~ moved into his
new house & Anne will - that
it is very attractive.

Mary Robinson has made her bow & is
now in Buffalo Society Hall. This is all
the family news that I heard.

I am truly glad for you that you are
at last settled or nearly so in a home
of your own & it will be a happy home
with these blessed children. I wish
I could see you all this very minute.
I wrote to Ben Jr. this morning in answer
to a dear letter I had from him. Tell
our precious Nancy that I was delighted
with her dear letter & will write to her
soon, & tell George & Emily to be well & send
me letters to give to Sister Clara. & to do it very
soon. You did not give me Louise's address
in New York. Emma & I would both like
to have it. I am very dear that you
feel so bitterly towards your former friend
Dr. Lewis. I think his writing to you
under the circumstances was a true
test of friendship & in your place
I would consider it so. It was not an
easy thing for Dr. Lewis to do. Your friends
- Woods & the other non-Unitarian friends
they were very that she was so friendly with
a man so much older & one of his type.
I did not meet many of your friends

but - she did well - had
nothing but the highest praise
for each one of the Duggan family.
I was the one who was unintentionally
to blame & "let the cat out of the
bag" and I am sure that under
the same circumstances
having the children as I do I would
make the same mistake. I am
honestly & truly glad that you have
found that Dr. Plunkett is worthy
of your liking & respect. - Don't -
blame your friends for being
human. This very minute I am
trying to decide to go to Mrs. Carroll
next door & tell her of the disgusting
actions of her little paragon.
so that she can correct him if
possible but I do not know how she
would take it. - In her place

I would thank her ^{21 x 1 1920} for being
for worried about children is
being you arrived. My feelings
towards her & her family are
not less friendly because the
child behind her back looks
nervously & is causing talk among
the mothers of little girls -
the neighborhood. Well dear
I will draw this long epistle
to a close. This is just a one
sided talk from a sister - to a
beloved brother. I am so glad
that you are going to have
a good Thanksgiving dinner.
My best regards to Lady Fitz &
her husband. They are mighty
fine in our time of need so we
can now look at it.

Dr. Bancroft-said that you had
wandered with the Convention - I trace
this part-remembrance. He & Mrs. B.,
were with-us for a part-of the trip
but-had to leave on account-of some
colds when we reached Hillmeigham.

If you will measure your windows & tell
me what-you would like for curtains I
will gladly fix them for you so that all you
will have to do will be to put-them on the
rods.

The Bunnetts have just-come in
for Sunday dinner & baby is wearing
Emily's old-green blue coat-& hat-which fit
her nicely & which make me home sick for
our dear little brown eyed girl.

Wish I could send you a little of my nice
wine for your Thanksgiving dinner. Come
soon & drink it-with us.

Every one here would send love with
mine if they knew that was writing. I
have shut-myself up in the little kitchen
for a breathing spell.

Devotedly,

Alice

2138 Chamberlin Ave.
Madison, Wis.
Aug. 6, 1928.

Dear Colonel,

How does this sound? I suppose it surprises you. Well, I'll explain. I was up in the attic looking for a box for Elsie when I found a book of post cards - I don't know who had collected them.

Anyway - quite a number were addressed to - Col. B. M. Suggar. So, there you are. I thought I'd try it.

Jane Gilbert is away at camp and I just sent her a box of fudge. I wish I had known we were permitted to do it before, and I would have sent George some.

You must have had a grand

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dinner. It made my mouth water
to read about it. But don't think
you're the only ones to feast. We've
had corn on the cob!

The thought of a vegetable makes
me think of our wonderful garden.
What do you think of our house?
" " " " Elsie for
buying it all alone? I know you'll
like it. Tell me in your next letter
what you think of it from the plans
and picture and from Elsie's letters.
I suppose you've written Elsie
all about it but I don't like to
ask her unless she reads it
herself.

The other morning I went down
to the Breeze Steven's Tennis Courts

at seven o'clock in the morning and played solidly (sounds funny, but you know what I mean) until eleven. I won! Although I was beaten in doubles I beat both of them in singles. Lately it has been too wet to play, but not for swimming.

I don't believe ~~to~~ I told you about aunt Alice's dress. It is white voile with embroidered cherries and leaves all over (if you know what I mean). It is two piece and has a skirt which is pleated in front and the waist has a jabot.

Please excuse this dreadful pen! It spitters all over.

With loads of love,
Nancy.